CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Presently Amended) An armrest assembly comprising:

cutout block means having a cutout for receiving therein a rail and rail securing means to facilitate attaching said cutout block means to said rail;

said cutout block means further having a passageway for receiving therein an elongated raiser and lever raiser means for raising, lowering and securing said riser at a desired height relative to said rail;

housing means having inner split ball means and outer split ball means mounted therein for facilitating relative tilting, turning and rotating movement between said inner split ball means and said outer split ball means;

~~elongated riser means mounted slidably within base securing means, said riser means being fixed at one of its ends to swivel base means having~~ armrest means attached ~~thereto~~ to said housing means to facilitate ~~for~~ universal movement of said armrest means relative to said outer split ball means; and

wherein said riser is fixed at its distal end within said inner split ball to help facilitate relative tilting, turning and rotating movement of said armrest means relative to said rail.

2. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 1, wherein said universal movement includes rotating said armrest means X degrees about said ~~swivel base means~~ rail.

3. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 2, wherein X degrees is ~~between about 0 degrees and about 180~~ over a range from 0 degrees to 360 degrees.

4. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 3, wherein in said universal movement further includes tilting said armrest means Y degrees about said ~~swivel base~~ outer split ball means.

5. (Original) The armrest assembly according to claim 4, wherein Y degrees is between about 0 degrees and about 180 degrees.

6. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 5, wherein said universal movement still further includes turning said armrest means Z degree about said ~~swivel base~~ outer split ball means.

7. (Original) The armrest assembly according to claim 6, wherein said Z degrees is between about 0 degrees and about 180 degrees.

8. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 1, wherein said universal movement includes tilting, rotating and turning said armrest means in any one of three different axis in a range between about 0 degrees and about 180 degrees.

9. (Presently Amended)) A phlebotomy armrest to help facilitate drawing blood from the arm of a patient, comprising:

an armrest supported from below by a universal adjustment arrangement to place the arm of the patient in any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to a supporting surface;

said universal adjustment arrangement including a housing removably mounted to said armrest;

said housing having disposed therein an outer split ball and an inner split ball mounted for universal movement relative to one another;

said inner split ball having a securing arrangement for securing a riser to said inner split ball; and

said outer split ball having another securing arrangement for securing said outer split ball in a fixed position relative to said inner split ball.

10. (Presently Amended) The phlebotomy armrest according to claim 9, wherein said ~~universal adjustment arrangement rotates and turns about a ball unit having~~ outer split ball includes a control knob for securing said armrest in said any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to a supporting surface.

11. (Presently Amended) The phlebotomy armrest according to claim 10 wherein said ~~ball unit~~ securing arrangement is mounted on a distal end portion of ~~a~~ said riser; and wherein said riser ~~that~~ travels along a rectilinear path ~~of travel~~ to raise and lower said armrest to further facilitate placing the arm of the patient in said any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to a supporting surface.

12. (Original) The phlebotomy armrest according to claim 11, wherein said riser is secured to a single load control lever that facilitates raising and lowering said riser and locking said raiser in position so that said armrest is placed in said any one of a plurality of desired position planes relative to a supporting surface.

13 - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Presently Amended) An armrest assembly comprising:

a block like base unit having a cutout for receiving therein an arm rail;

a clamping arrangement coupled to said cutout for helping to secure said base unit to said arm rail ~~a stationary surface~~;

a housing unit ~~mounted to an armrest platform and~~ having a plurality of split balls ~~swivel unit~~ mounted therein~~, said swivel unit including a split ball arrangement~~ that facilitates rotational movement, turning movement, and tilting movement;

an armrest platform supported from below by said housing unit; and

~~an elongated~~ a straight riser slidably mounted within said base unit and having its distal end mounted within an individual one of said ~~split ball arrangement~~ plurality of split

balls to facilitate rotational, turning, and tilting movement of said armrest platform relative to said ~~stationary surface~~ arm rail.

17. (Presently Amended) The armrest assembly according to claim 16, wherein said ~~split ball arrangement~~ plurality of split balls includes a stationary ball, a moveable ball and a locking arrangement that secures said moveable ball in a fixed stationary position relative to said stationary ball.

18. (New) A portable armrest, comprising:

a housing having a plurality of mounting surfaces and having mounted therein a plurality of lockable split balls for providing universal movement, said plurality of lockable split balls including a stationary split ball, a moveable split ball and a locking arrangement that secures said moveable ball in a fixed stationary position relative to said stationary ball; and

an armrest platform mounted to said plurality of mounting surfaces to facilitate lockable universal movement of said armrest relative to a stationary surface.

19, (New) The portable armrest according to claim 18 further comprising:

a clamping riser arrangement adapted to be secured between the stationary surface and said stationary split ball for supporting said armrest from the stationary surface and for facilitating raising and lowering of said armrest to a desired distance from the stationary surface; and

wherein said armrest includes at least one slidably adjustable extension.

20. (New) A method of preparing a patient of a phlebotomy procedure, comprising the steps of:

providing a housing having a plurality of mounting surfaces and having mounted therein a plurality of lockable split balls for providing universal movement, said plurality of

lockable split balls including a stationary split ball, a moveable split ball and a locking arrangement that secures said moveable ball in a fixed stationary position relative to said stationary ball;

wherein said plurality of mounting surfaces have mounted thereto an armrest platform to facilitate lockable universal movement of the armrest platform relative to a stationary surface; and

turning said armrest to a desired position, wherein said desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface;

rotating said armrest to another desired position, wherein said another desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface; and

tilting said armrest to yet another desired position, wherein said another desired position is between about 0 degrees to about 180 degrees relative to said stationary surface.